

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 39, lines 18-28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The cyclohexane dispersion obtained in i) above was introduced into a 3-necked flask equipped with a reflux condenser, a dropping funnel and a stirring bar, and 1 g of 3-aminopropyl(triethoxy)silane diluted with cyclohexane was added dropwise through the dropping funnel thereto under stirring. Thereafter, the mixture was washed with cyclohexane, and 100 g of toluene was added thereto. The cyclohexane was distilled away by distillation, and the resulting aminated hydrophobic silica was dispersed in toluene to form a dispersion. Analysis of total nitrogen, XPS, NMR and FT-IR revealed that the modified surface had groups consisting of 50% of trimethylsilyl group (hydrophobic group), 45% ~~[[40%]]~~ of ~~2-aminoethylaminomethyldimethylsilyl~~ 3-aminopropylsilyl group (polar group) and 5% ~~[[10%]]~~ of unreacted hydroxyl group.